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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1115

Friday, the *19th January 1940*
6th Makaram 1115

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble DEPUTY PRESIDNT in the Chair.

Messrs. K. R. Ramakrishnan, V. K. Krishnankutty, L. M. Pylee, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, H. J. Walmesley and Shabdai S. Koder were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PERUMPILAVU—OPENING A LIBRARY FOR

271. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received a request from the public of Perumpilavu in Talappalli Taluk for opening a library there ;

(*b*) if so, when was it received ;

(*c*) whether the Government are taking any action to provide the villagers with a library ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 27—10—1939.

(*c*) The request is being considered along with similar requests.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know Sir, from whom was this request received?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There was a personal request as well as a petition. I do not now remember exactly from whom.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is this request also considered along with the similar requests received from the various parts in connection with the new Library Scheme?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. A list is got prepared and this is also included in the list. The books are being got ready.

APPOINTMENTS—AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT—CASTE-WAR PARTICULARS

272. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the posts in the regular establishment and those charged to the contingencies in the Agricultural Department, the power of appointment to which is vested with (*i*) the Director of Agriculture (*ii*) the Manager of the Central Farm;

(*b*) a caste-war list of persons appointed in 1112, 1113, and 1114 M. E. both permanent and acting, to the posts referred to in (*a*) (*i*) and (*ii*) by these officers?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) & (*b*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix I).*

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know Sir, whether this Head of Department was instructed that as far as possible the principle of communal representation adopted by the Staff Selection Board should be followed in making the appointments under his control?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. After our last discussion on this subject, we have issued instructions.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Then have the Government noted Sir, from the list given, that equality of opportunities has not been given to all communities in the matter of these appointments?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. I have noted it.

AVENUE TREES—INCOME FROM

273. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of avenue trees in the whole State;

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